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## LABOR MEN AND VETERANS MUST HOLD TOGETHER

Samuel Gompers Addresses American Legion Convention Today

### LANDIS SPEAKS

Resolutions for Coming Year Are Drawn up—Legion Politics Are Boiling—McNider to Have Stiff Opposition.

(By United Press.) New Orleans, Oct. 17.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, urged co-operation between labor and the American Legion, in speaking before the legion convention here today.

The safety of America in future years depends more on the legion and organized workers than any other bodies, he declared.

The American Legion convention today voted to hold the 1923 convention, October 15-19 inclusive.

New Orleans, Oct. 17.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, was to speak before the convention of the American Legion today in favor of cooperation between the two organizations.

Organized labor and organized veterans should work together, Gompers holds. He hopes to establish an understanding between the two groups.

Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis, high commissioner of baseball, also was to address the convention.

Committees meantime are preparing resolutions which will guide the work of the legion during the year.

Resolutions will demand more efficient care for wounded and disabled, "condemn interference" by Briz Gompers in the hospitalization program, support immigration restriction and publicly urge a universal service law for war time, committee members said.

Legion politics are boiling and supporters of various candidates are organizing their forces. So many arguments are in the field that some believe a dark day will win the national command. William E. Deegan of New York, and A. A. Sprague of Chicago, are being most actively pushed.

Legionnaires have filled the city to overflowing, and crowds in the streets are so dense that it is difficult to walk about. The authorities literally have turned the city over to the visitors, and anything goes. Crap games run in the lobbies of the principal hotels, and bottles pass freely about.

At night the city, gaily decorated with allied flags and colored lights, becomes a carnival.

A small replica of the Mardi Gras was planned for tonight. Last night the descendants of the French who founded the city were hosts to the doughboys, and turned the French quarter into a "little Paris." There was street dancing, and veterans paraded arm in arm with girls in the costume of Normandy.

Bands are everywhere, and groups of buddies from the different States, many in uniform or grotesque costumes, parade about. A hoosier attracted much attention with a large pair of shoes, roving about town mumbling, "Quack, quack, I'm a duck."

Iowa are everywhere with their Iowa, Iowa, that's where the tail goes. A big delegation from Kansas gives the "Rock, chalk" at every opportunity.

Some of the Cleveland grays are shamming with the colonial guards, a local military organization wearing uniforms of a century ago.

Oklahoma have posted a sign announcing "Oklahoma quit waiting on Gen. Sawyer. They erected three hospitals of their own."

Various outfits held reunions today. Many former soldiers met comrades in arms they had not seen since days in France.

The women's auxiliary is holding a separate and well attended convention and mapping out its own program of work. More women are at the convention than at any other. Many veterans brought their wives and not a few their babies. Two medals of honor men sitting on the front row of the convention, held their less infants in their arms. Women have organized a "40 femmes et 8 chevaux" organization to cooperate with a similar men's society within the legion.

San Francisco apparently will go to the next convention. The committee select the place had decided in favor of that city, and it is expected the legion will approve.

### Bible Thought for Today

And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.—Matthew 4: 23.

## Army On Rhine Is Coming Home

Has Cost U. S. \$300,000,000 to Maintain This Post—Mrs. Catherine Harris Gets Pension—McCray Removed From Alexandria.

(By Isaac Gregg.) Washington, Oct. 17.—The twelve hundred American troops now forming the army of occupation on the Rhine will probably be permitted to eat their Christmas turkeys at home.

Announcement has been made by Secretary of War Weeks, after a conference with President Harding and General Pershing, Chief of Staff that the American troops who have been in German territory since the signing of the armistice, will be brought back to the United States within a comparatively short time. Secretary Weeks has maintained for some time that the American army of occupation in Germany should be withdrawn and his recommendation has been in the hands of the President for more than a month. But owing to the representations made by foreign governments and even by Germany itself that the withdrawal of American soldiers from the Rhine might prove harmful, the President has been disinclined to accede to the wishes of his Secretary of War.

Maintaining the United States troops in Germany since the signing of the armistice has cost the United States government approximately \$300,000,000. Of course, the German government will have to reimburse Uncle Sam for this expenditure, but it does not appear possible that the money will be forthcoming from Germany within a reasonable date.

### Prohibition Perplexity

The impression prevails in well informed circles in Washington that with the convening of Congress in December the Harding administration will be seriously perplexed with the prohibition question. In fact while the majority in Congress are considered dry, it is predicted here that only the word from the White House to bring about a modification of the Volstead act will finally accomplish the desired purpose. It was pointed out today that a modification of the law will be necessary as a compromise with the wet element of the country in order to effect the passage of administration's ship subsidy bill. At the same time, it is understood, the Daugherty decision prohibiting the sale of liquor of American and foreign ships, must be harmonized with other functions of the government, especially as it applies to this country's insular possessions. The chief reason given for the administration's desire to modify the law, it is understood, is due to the prospects that this government probably will strain international relations to a slight extent unless there is a liberal application of the "rule of reason" in carrying out the provisions of the Daugherty decision.

### Administration Dry

Although three of the most influential members of the President's cabinet are wet, this is a dry administration and as such, it is understood, has more right to ask for a modification of an otherwise obnoxious law than would be the case if the administration was outspokenly wet. Even the Anti-Saloon League, headed by its general counsel, Wayne E. Wheeler, is understood to favor some change in the present law rather than stand the acid test at a later time that might create a reaction that would tend toward complete nullification of prohibition enforcement. However, the Anti-Saloon League, true to its traditions, will fight to prevent any tampering with the present law, but in the event the White House let it be understood that the law must be modified in order to put through the ship subsidy bill, as well as smooth over any impending international unpleasantness, even dry members of Congress, who are now in the majority, are expected to see the light under the bushel and act in accordance with the president's wishes.

### Is Given Pension

Announcement has just been made by the Commissioner of Pensions that Mrs. Catherine Harris, of Alexandria, Va., has been granted a pension by the government at the rate of \$30 a month.

### Transferred From City

Orders have been issued by the Secretary of the Navy detaching Lieutenant Arthur E. McCray from duty at the Naval Torpedo Station at Alexandria, Va., for duty at the Navy Yard, Washington, D. C.

## Charge Robinson Killed Staten

Charles Staten, colored, came to his death October 7 at the Alexandria Hospital at about 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon from the effects of a gunshot wound, while at 825 south Lee street. This was the substance of a verdict given by a coroner's jury last night after hearing the testimony of six witnesses.

Two of those to testify told the jury they witnessed the shooting. They were Charles Robinson and Aken Geddis, both colored. They appeared to be a couple in the house just previous to the shooting and Staten was knocked or shoved almost out of the door and then came back and the shooting followed. Robinson, who came here several years ago from Augusta, Ga., has not yet been apprehended.

## NEW ARRESTS PROMISED IN MURDER CASE

Think a Man and Woman Will Be Arrested Before Night

### FOLLOW NEW LEAD

Prosecutors Are Busily Engaged in Following Trails in Every Direction—Efforts Have Been Redoubled—Mrs. Hall Quizzed.

(By United Press.) New Brunswick, N. J., Oct. 17.—Henry Stevens, millionaire, was grilled at the court house today by Prosecutors Beekman and Stricker in their investigation of the murder of the Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall and Mrs. James Mills.

Stevens is the brother of Mrs. Hall, widow of the slain Church of St. John the Evangelist rector. He arrived at the court house in his own automobile from his estate on Long Island and went secretly into the prosecutors' office.

He had been under examination for an hour before his presence became known to newspapermen.

Authorities indicated that they have a new witness whose story they have received. This witness, a Hungarian woman, who lives in the vicinity of the Phillips farm, where the bodies of the rector and his wife were found, said she saw a woman examining the various paths on the farm the afternoon before the murder.

Authorities said this witness, a widow, was paying for the farm on which she lived on the installment plan. There was a heavy mortgage on the property, detectives said, but this has been lifted by payment of a lump sum since the murder.

Mrs. Annie Langate, another Hungarian woman who authorities say Willie Stevens, the brother of Mrs. Hall frequently visited, is to be questioned.

New Brunswick, N. J., Oct. 17.—Arrest of a man and a woman whose bloodstained handkerchiefs were found near the scene of the murder of the Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall and Mrs. Eleanor Mills was expected before nightfall.

Prosecutor Beekman and his aids let it be known they attach more importance to these handkerchiefs, the first tangible clues to come into their possession. It was announced that Henry H. Stevens, a brother of Mrs. Hall, widow of the slain pastor, would be summoned today to tell once more his story of the movements on the night of the crime.

Stevens, a crack marksman, was planning to go to Europe, he said, but was forced to postpone his voyage because of the official attitude and the fact his testimony might be required.

Mrs. Hall may be questioned today. Prosecutor Beekman and Detective Trotten, of Somerset County arrived unusually early at the court house.

As they were hurrying up the steps to their offices, Beekman said:

"Henry Stevens, Mrs. Hall's brother, is to be questioned today. I may have some news for you real soon."

The local authorities are keeping up the air of intense activity which they assumed yesterday, and in unofficial statements are promising "something doing" within 24 hours. They declined to state how they came into possession of the bloody handkerchiefs which are said to form their best clue.

Although the intimation at the New Brunswick courthouse was that the expected arrests would take place sometime today, it was considered possible they might not occur until after nightfall.

The county authorities have shown a preference for questioning witnesses and making arrests under cover of darkness, when, if possible, they can conceal their movements from the newspapers.

Besides the handkerchiefs, one of which was said to have a letter S embroidered on a corner, the county officials were today in possession of two more leads in their probe.

A woman has gone to the authorities with a story of seeing two persons, a man and a woman, surveying the vacant field on the edge of the sexton's wife were found. This woman told the prosecutor she saw the man and woman at the scene Thursday afternoon. It is believed their names have been mentioned prominently in connection with the case.

Love letters, not especially impassioned, written by Dr. Hall to Mrs. Mills containing reference to a proposed elopement have been produced. It was understood they were found by Charlotte Mills among her mother's things, and turned over to Charlotte's lawyer.

### SNOWING TODAY

(By United Press.) Chicago, Oct. 17.—Snow flurries today heralded the coming of winter in various parts of Minnesota, the Dakotas, Wisconsin, Iowa and Kansas.

## OLD NEGRO ATTENDS LEGION CONVENTION

(By United Press.) New Orleans, Oct. 17.—Howard Divinity, negro, who followed his divinity master through the Civil War, is here from Jackson, Miss., to attend the legion convention. He wears a Confederate Uniform and says he is 96 years old. "I didn't do no fighting," Divinity told Northern delegates who were interested in his stories. "Us darkies just fixed vittles for our masters."

## Next Congress Will Be Dry

Light Wines and Beer Will Not Follow Fall Elections—Wets Will Gain But to no Great Extent

(By United Press.) Washington, Oct. 17.—Beer and light wines will not be restored as a sequel of the congressional elections next month.

The "wets" may make substantial gains in the next congress, but that congress, like the one now in office, will be "dry."

These facts are apparent to all observers of the political trend of the year. "Wet" and "dry" leaders agree about them. They are further buttressed by the opinions of experienced politicians allied with neither the "wets" nor the "drys." In spite of the fact that it is admittedly impossible for the "wets" to score a sweeping over-turn of the Volstead law this year, they are keeping the issue strongly to the fore everywhere there is the slightest chance to inject it into the campaign. This year's campaign is to them but the beginning of a fight which they confidently assert will end in the modification of the Volstead law to permit "moderate" alcoholic beverages.

One result of wet activity is that in at least seven states, the issue figures definitely in the contest between the Republicans and Democrats for seats in congress. In Ohio, a referendum will be held on amending the state constitution to permit sale of beer and light wines. Naturally, this question is overshadowed by most other issues, and Ohio candidates for congress are being put on record on the point.

Illinois and Massachusetts have similar referendums. The wets hope, at the least, to win one of these states. Having done that, they will not have succeeded in restoring beer and wine to a legal status, for the wets will at once appeal to the United States Supreme Court to decide whether a state can lawfully put into its constitution a provision running counter to the federal constitution.

The "wets" know they will face the court fight. What they are working to get, however, is a direct expression of popular support. Then, in spite of court decisions or congressional legislation, they will eventually get beer and wine back, they feel, because, they argue, if one state goes "wet," others will follow two years or when the issue will again be raised.

In New Jersey the senatorial contest between Governor Edwards, Democrat, and Senator Frelinghuysen, Republican, is primarily a wet and dry fight. Edwards is an outspoken champion of beer and wine. Frelinghuysen, on the other hand, is a dry. In Missouri, Senator Reid, Democrat, is trying to win with wet votes, while R. R. Brewster, his republican opponent, is bone dry, and the issue is being emphasized. In New York the same issue has been injected to a degree, while in Maryland, the senatorial candidates in both parties are running as "wets" and promise to work for modification of the Volstead law.

"We will gain five seats in the next house," G. C. Himeley, secretary of the Association against the Prohibition amendment said today, on the basis of a nationwide survey. "This will not enable us to bring about a modification of the Volstead law at this time, but it will be an impressive showing."

An effect on the platform of one of the major parties in 1924?

"We will hold congress dry," said Wayne B. Wheeler, of the anti-saloon league.

## Auto Hits Man And Fractures His Skull

Thomas H. Coates, fifty-two years old, of Del Ray, Arlington county, Sunday morning sustained a fractured skull and other injuries when he was knocked down by an automobile at Pennsylvania Avenue and Twelfth street and left unconscious. Coates was brought to the Alexandria Hospital and had an X Ray taken after which he was conveyed to his home.

The Washington police have been unable to locate the driver of the machine who failed to stop after knocking down Coates.

At the time of the accident Coates was enroute to catch an electric car for his home.

## STEALS KLAN'S RECORDS

(By United Press.) Richmond, Oct. 17.—Lodge rooms of the Ku Klux Klans here were burglarized last night, and the records and the membership roster of the major parties in the organization after the safe had been jimmied open. Other property in the safe was not destroyed.

## DAUGHERTY IS INDICTED IN GAMBLING CASE

Edward Waters Also Indicted in Arlington County Court

### OTHER TRUE BILLS

Daugherty and Waters Were Charged With Running Den Near Alexandria—Two Murder Bills Also Returned—Prohibition Cases.

The grand jury in the circuit court for Arlington county, that yesterday began a probe into the reports made by the Ku Klux Klan that gambling houses are flourishing in that county, this afternoon returned an indictment against James Daugherty containing three counts, and one against Edward Waters, the latter it is alleged, being caretaker at Daugherty's place in Arlington county just outside the corporate limits of this city.

The jury reconvened at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and will consider a few more indictments, after which it will be discharged by Judge Samuel G. Brent, who is presiding. The cases were presented by Commonwealth's Attorney Frank Ball.

While there was a large crowd at the court house yesterday there were comparatively few persons present today, all the excitement apparently having subsided. Daugherty, it is stated, has not yet been apprehended.

Other indictments returned by the jury follow: Thomas Brannan and James Remmel, murder; Herbert Parks, prohibition; E. N. Stoy, misdemeanor; James Sheldon, prohibition; Leroy Whitehead, nonsupport; Clarence Reynolds, prohibition; Richard Winston, prohibition; Leroy Lakates, bigamy; Gladys Enderday, bigamy; Bonnie Goldblatt, prohibition; Oscar Smith, prohibition; Sue Knott, prohibition; John Shaver, prohibition; Robert Ward, prohibition; Frank Fields, felony; Louise Brown, prohibition; Louise Sheldon, prohibition.

Raids on two gambling houses in Arlington county, Virginia, conducted yesterday by county officials, are believed to have cleaned out the dens which have attracted attention through exposure by the Ku Klux Klan. Commonwealth Attorney Frank L. Ball, who issued the warrants for the raids, last night said he believed the two places raided were the only ones operating in the county.

The raids, which were made by squads of special deputies, netted quantities of gambling apparatus and resulted in three arrests, one of which was made in the District.

Thomas O. Worland was arrested at his home, at 1743 P street northwest, Washington, by Detectives Keck and King on a warrant sworn out by Mr. Ball, charging him with managing and running a gambling house. Worland was looked in the Tenth precinct station. He declared he would fight extradition. The commonwealth attorney said he would immediately institute extradition proceedings. Worland gave his occupation as a real estate dealer.

One man was arrested at each of the places raided. George W. Mader was arrested at the Hilltop house, which is said to have been operated by Worland. He was charged with operating a gambling table. Deputies who raided the house carried away quantities of dice, cards and other gambling paraphernalia. A quantity of jewelry, believed by authorities to have been left in payment of debts, also was seized.

Deputy Sheriff Zeb Kinos directed the raiding party at the Hilltop, which consisted of Howard Smoot, Bruce Smoot, C. H. Lowden, Lyman Kelly, John Wise and W. T. Manson.

The other raid was made on a house on the outskirts of Alexandria. Several pool tables were seized in addition to dice and cards. Eddie Waters, who said he was a caretaker of the house, was arrested and charged with running a gambling house. The place is said by authorities to be owned and operated by James Daugherty.

Commonwealth Attorney Ball has sworn out a warrant for Daugherty and placed it in the hands of the Alexandria police.

## Danger Spot Being Widened For Motorists

The work of widening the street at the southeast corner of Franklin and Patrick streets, is now being done. This work was recommended to the city council at its last meeting by the city manager. This corner is the principal turning point for motorists enroute to Mount Vernon and has been regarded as a danger spot. Several accidents have occurred at this point during the past year. The widening of this thoroughfare will in the opinion of the authorities greatly minimize the danger and reduce the number of collisions at this point.

## Seal Premier's Fate Thursday

Unionist Party To Decide Whether or Not it Will Continue to Give Support to Coalition Government

(By United Press.) London, Oct. 17.—Lloyd George's political fate is to be sealed Thursday when members of the unionist party meet to decide whether to continue to support the prime minister's coalition government. The bitter warfare in the press against the Georgian policies, which was precipitated by the Near Eastern question, continued unabated today as plans went forward for the meeting of the 350 unionist members of parliament which has been called by Austen Chamberlain, government leader in the house of commons and chief of the unionist party.

It was freely predicted that Chamberlain, avowed champion of the premier must exert all his energies and skill to induce other members of his party—especially the younger ones—to support Lloyd George.

The Thursday meeting, which is to be held at the Carlton club, will bring to a climax the campaign of opposition to the prime minister.

The "die hards"—the opponents of Lloyd George in the unionist party—were mustering all their strength today for the showdown.

It was believed in well informed circles that Lloyd George will resign soon no matter what the outcome of the meeting.

In case the majority of the unionists, who together with the liberal party makeup the coalition which came into being at the time of the war, vote to stick with the fiery Welshman, it is thought likely that he will ask King George to dissolve parliament and appeal to the country for support in a general election.

In the event the conservatives decide to abandon the ministry of Lloyd George, it would necessarily be taken as a challenge of Chamberlain's leadership of the party and he and all other adherents, including the premier, would resign.

This would also precipitate a general election.

Lloyd George has called a conference of the leaders of the liberal party, of which he is still a member, for today. He will seek to determine just how he stands with the party of which he is the acknowledged head.

The premier has announced that he intends to make another speech next Saturday at New Castle-On-Tyne. In the one made last Saturday at the National Reform club at Manchester, he defended his Near East policy and scathingly criticised his political foes.

## Woman is Charged With Child Murder

Husband Accuses Her of Murder of Infant Twins—Was Arrested Once Before on Charge of Beating Husband

(By United Press.) Hammond, Ind., Oct. 17.—Mrs. Hazel McNally, charged with murdering her own twin babies, today built up a defense on the claim that it was impossible for her to become a mother.

The demur and attractive 25 year old wife in jail here on the story told by her 55 year old husband, Frank McNally, that she had kept the birth of the children last December a secret until they were "discovered" was confident that she would be able to prove her claim.

"I haven't done a thing wrong and I am not a murderer," she said today.

"This murder charge is a frame up a low dirty trick by Frank."

The woman's married life with McNally—her second husband—has been far from peaceful.

McNally charged that she gave birth to the twins—children of her first husband—last December, a short time after she had entered into her second marriage.

"I never saw the children," McNally said, "although I was living in the house at the time. But I know they were there. She kept them hidden until February when she bought a couple of dolls and told me that What I thought were twins were really the dolls."

"He never saw them because I really never had any children," said Mrs. McNally, when asked regarding her husband's story.

Examination of the birth records showed that any children she may have had were not registered.

Joe Todd, prosecuting attorney, declared he had a strong case against the girl.

"At the arraignment Wednesday I will show fully all of the evidence I have collected," said Todd.

Among the witnesses which Todd will summon is Dr. Cyrus W. Compbell who examined Mrs. McNally a short time before the children were born.

The prosecutor will attempt to introduce evidence to physicians to disprove the alibi of barrenness.

This is the second charge which Mrs. McNally has faced as a result of her husband's accusations. She was arrested in South Bend recently on a charge of beating McNally, but was released after five days and rearrested immediately for the alleged murder.

## BIG FLYING SHIP, THE C-2 BURNS TODAY

Four Are Injured as Big Dirigible is Completely Destroyed

### CAUSE UNKNOWN

Was Going up for Exhibition Flight at Cook's Field as Flames Breakout—C-2 Was Army's Largest and Best "Blimp."

(By United Press.) San Antonio, Tex., Oct. 17.—The army dirigible C-2 which recently made a cross country flight burned at Cook's Field here today.

The balloon caught fire as it was about to make a flight over the city. It was completely destroyed. Three men were injured, one seriously before they escaped from the blazing machine.

The injured are: Major H. A. Strauss, commander of the ship; Captain N. M. Walker, aide to Major General Hines, commander of the Eighth Corps Area; Manuel Cardenas, newspaper man; Sergeant A. B. Albright.

All were burned except Sergeant Albright whose face was charred and hands badly burned.

The giant "blimp" arrived here Saturday from El Paso on its return trip to Langley Field from San Diego Cal., after its cross country flight.

Army officials planned to remain here a week for repairs before continuing the trip.

The dirigible had just started out for its exhibition flight when fire broke out at 2:15 this morning. The cause of the fire has not been determined.

Washington, Oct. 17.—The dirigible, C-2 which was destroyed by fire at San Antonio, Tex., today, was the army's best and largest "blimp."

It was completed shortly after the army's big Italian built airship, the Roma, was destroyed with a loss of 34 lives at Norfolk early this year.

The big dirigible was on its return trip from a trans-continental flight having made the trip from Coast to coast in 82 hours flying time. Last night, the ship made a non-stop night flight from Washington to New York and return, and in the fog narrowly escaped striking a smokestack and some of the New York city skyscrapers.

The length of the C-2 was 192 feet, and its diameter was 54 feet. It was equipped with two 150 horsepower Hispano Suiza engines, and was built for the army air service by the Good Year Tire and Rubber Co., at Akron, Ohio.

## Suit For \$10,000 In Progress

Case of James L. Kelly Before Jury in Corporation Court—Expect to Finish Tomorrow Afternoon

The suit of James J. Kelly, administrator, against the Texas Company, to recover damages in the sum of \$10,000 for the death of Stanley Kelly is being heard today before a jury in the corporation court. The jury probably will be concluded tomorrow afternoon, Judge Moncreux is presiding.

The jury is composed of W. Seldon Washington, J. Reece Caton, F. B. Howard, Harry Baader, Joseph M. Armstrong, Mark L. Norris, Charles Valentine, B. F. Howell, H. Bloch, Harry W. Wade, George W. Bontz, Sr., John J. Hanratty.

The first trial on June 21 last resulted in a hung jury. Kelly while riding to his home on a motorcycle the afternoon of August 2, 1921, met his death when the vehicle he was driving and a motor truck of the Texas Company came together, he having sustained a fractured skull.

The defendant company is represented by Judge J. K. M. Norton and E. C. Brandenburg, the latter of Washington, and Attorney Charles Henry Smith represents the complainant.

## Naval Day Oct. 27 To Be Observed

The executive committee of the board of directors of the chamber of commerce at its meeting yesterday afternoon appointed Capt. Geo. H. Evans, a committee of one to arrange for a suitable observance of naval day October 27. Capt. Evans stated today that he will early next week endeavor to arrange a program for the observance of the day and the merchants of the city will be asked to decorate for the event.

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